# GROUND SUPPORT UNIT LEADER (NQS)

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| **RESOURCE CATEGORY** | Logistics and Transportation |
| **RESOURCE KIND** | Personnel |
| **OVERALL FUNCTION** | The Ground Support Unit Leader oversees unit staff who provide ground transportation in support of incident operations, oversees the maintenance and repair of vehicles and mobile ground support equipment and performs pre- and post-use inspections on all ground equipment assigned to an incident. The Ground Support Unit Leader also oversees the supply of fuel for incident mobile equipment and the development and implementation of the incident traffic plan. |
| **COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS** | 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource.<br>2. Requestor specifies any additional qualifications necessary, based on incident complexity and needs<br>3. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment |

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

| COMPONENT | SINGLE TYPE | NOTES |
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| **DESCRIPTION** | The Ground Support Unit Leader:<br>1.     Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Logistics Section<br>2.     Configures unit with personnel to support operations<br>3.     Plans, staffs and manages the Ground Support Unit to meet incident needs safely<br>4.     Coordinates with the Logistics Section and other sections to help meet overall incident objectives<br>5.     Manages the following:<br>a.     Support for out-of-service resources<br>b. Transportation for personnel, supplies, food and equipment<br>c. Fueling, service, maintenance and repair for vehicles and other ground support equipment<br>d. Development and implementation of the incident transportation and traffic plans | Not Specified |
| **EDUCATION** | Not Specified | Not Specified |
| **TRAINING** | Completion of the following:<br>1.IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100<br>2.IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200<br>3.ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents<br>4.IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction<br>5.IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction<br>6.E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface | Not Specified |
| **EXPERIENCE** | 1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Ground Support Unit Leader, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation<br>2. Experience in incident management in a subordinate position within the Logistics Section | Not Specified |

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| **PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS** | Light | The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions. |
| **CURRENCY** | Functions in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every five years | A higher position is one for which this position is a prerequisite. |
| **PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS** | Not Specified | Not Specified |

## NOTES

1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. Additional training on this position is available from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group at https://www.nwcg.gov/positions.

## REFERENCES

1. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Ground Support Unit Leader, latest edition adopted
2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
5. FEMA, NIMS Training Program, May 2020
6. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), Position Catalog, latest edition published